Disposal of used syringes

757. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 60 per cent of the disposable syringes used in Delhi hospitals like Safdarjung Hospital return to the market at several places like Jwalapuri, Sultanpuri, Mayapuri, Uttam Nagar, R.K. Puram, etc. in the Capital;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of the hospitals have been flouting rules for disposal of used syringes; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi *viz.* Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College and associated hospitals and All India Institute of Medical Sciences are concerned, used syringes are decontaminated at source as per the method laid down in the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998. Thereafter, the same are shredded and disposed of the Central Pollution Control Board has informed that the Delhi Pollution Control Committee is monitoring the performance of hospitals and is taking necessary action as required under the provisions of the Bio-Medical Waste (Management & Handling) Rules, 1998.

Population growth in Madhya Pradesh

758. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage increase/decrease in the population during the years 1991 and 2001, State-wise;

(b) whether there has been a negative growth so far as Madhya